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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Jan-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/17/06	01/07/06
Broiler/fryer	154,042	165,513
Light hens	1,578	1,283
Heavy hens	1,316	1,370

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 31-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	209	0	209
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	244	2	246
Same week yr ago	127	11	138
To-date/2005	13,019	62	13,081
To-date/2004	12,766	169	12,935

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,193	1,173	2,366
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,716	1,299	3,015
Same week yr ago	1,472	1,298	2,770
To-date/2005	86,511	73,378	159,889
To-date/2004	83,624	70,678	154,302

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 07-JANUARY-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	150,026	1,275	1,400	2,675
Avg Wt	5.38	3.40	7.75	5.68
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	142,014	984	1,173	2,157
Same wk yr ago	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954
Avg Wt	5.35	3.37	8.12	5.75
To-date/2006	150,026	1,275	1,400	2,675
To-date/2005	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.8 million head, or 4.7 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 31-Dec-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,388	14,194	42,528
Avg Weight	3.60	4.78	6.55
% of total /1	30%	17%	52%
Last week	23,510	10,908	49,195
Avg Weight	3.72	4.64	6.42
% of total /1	28%	13%	59%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,548	14,092	40,006
Avg Weight	3.83	4.77	6.48
% of total /1	32%	18%	50%
To date/2005	1,387,792	1,072,576	2,610,799
To date/2004	1,343,234	1,080,676	2,376,130

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-JAN-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,308	1,966	15	12	3,301
Avg Wt	16.17	39.08	24.18	36.02	29.92
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,277	1,852	8	0	3,137
Same wk yr ago	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
Avg Wt	16.58	39.89	25.14	33.05	30.79
To-date/2006	1,308	1,966	15	12	3,301
To-date/2005	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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